State/UT/Region	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
6. Karnataka	21.30	24.30	32.21
7. Kerala	—21.70	—35.68	18.51
8. Madhya Pradesh	76.92	83.71	101.01
9. Maharashtra	48.45	125.19	272.00
10. Orissa	24.52	24.74	25.96
11. Punjab	—68.40	4.70	—118.53
12. Rajasthan	—100.47	61.80	64.89
13. Tamil Nadu	72.17	84.38	225.10
14. Uttar Pradesh	45.14	67.10	136.31
15. West Behgal	— 102.82	— 92.23	— 28.35
16. Assam	— 101.94	225.50	— 70.68
17. Meghalaya	—3.55	8.80	— 5.96

*Provisional/Unaudited.

Grim Scenario in Electricity Sector

2143. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's top power engineers who met in Chandigarh for discussion have pointed a "Grim Scenario in electricity sector" of the economy, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 5th November, 1994;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the Prime Minister's serious concern, no effort is being made to complete the ongoing projects, initiating new projects or streamlining the sick State Electricity Boards, if so, what is the present position, project-wise, State-wise and cost escalation involved thereby, during 1994-95, as compared to 1993-94;

(c) whether it is also fact that as much as 10,785 MW capacity was slipping in the eighth Plan alone as the Eighth Plan working group had suggested the power generation to 36,646 MW, the NDC approved 30.537 MW capacity addition target but the achievement could be pegged only to 19,537 MW;

(d) what concrete steps Government proper to take in this regard, instead of placing more reliance in the private sector i.e. expecting foreign investors to put up Power Plants and who in return expect generous benefits and concessions in lieu thereof from Government; and

(e) the details of demand and supply position of electricity (State-wise) during 1994-95 as on date and end of Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that certain engineers had met in Chandigarh on 5th November, 1994.

(b) No, Sir. All efforts are being made to complete the on-going projects.

(c) Taking into consideration the status of projects under construction, in pipe-line and pending clearances from various agencies, about 20,000 MW capacity may be added during the 8th Plan period against the approved target of 30537.7 MW.

(d) Besides undertaking a capacity addition programme through public and private sector efforts, the various measures being taken to increase power availability in the country include maximisation of generation from the existing units, implementation of renovation and modernisation programme, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures.

(e) Details of the actual power supply position (State-wise) during the period April-November, 1994 and the anticipated power supply position at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97) as per the latest estimates are given in Annexure (See Appendix 172, Annexure No. 50).

Supply of Equipment to New Power Plants by BHEL

2144. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national working group on the power sector has recently made certain observations with regard to the BHEL's failure to supply equipment to newplants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) National Working group on power sector in their letter to Hon'ble Members of Parliament